

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

County Administration Building  
26 Park Avenue, Brantford  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
9:00 a.m.

**Present:** Mayor Eddy, Councillors Simons, Atfield, Coleman, Gatward

**Staff:** Compeau, Tout, Davidson and Lehmann

**Regrets:** Councillor Chambers

Councillor Coleman in the Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the Public Works Committee agenda for September 9, 2008 be approved, with additions.

.Carried

### **MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Atfield  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the Public Works Committee minutes of August 12, 2008 be approved, as printed.

.Carried

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **Signage at Highway 403 at Garden Ave**

In response to questions, the Director advised that correspondence has been forwarded by the Clerk's office to the City of Brantford, requesting that prior to a by-law being approved by the County to officially implement the name, the City advise of any concerns they may have with respect to the road name "Brant County Road #18". Committee concurred that the by-law be submitted to Council on September 16, 2008, for approval of same.

Councillor Coleman noted that the Provincial signage installed at the Highway 403 off-ramp at Garden Avenue does not direct traffic to County Road 18, County Highway 54 and / or County Highway 2/53 and that additional signage is required. In response, the Roads Operations Manager reported that the Ministry of Transportation will not process the County's request for signage until the by-law is passed by County Council and a copy of same is provided to the Ministry of Transportation.

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## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by – Councillor Simons  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the following consent items be received as information:

- i. Town of Milton – Resolution Re: Deposit / Return System for Aluminum and Plastic Drink Containers;
- ii. Email from Janice Schweder Re: Campbell Farm Road Municipal Water Request;
- iii. Ministry of the Environment – Mount Pleasant Well Supply Drinking Water System Inspection Report;
- iv. Correspondence to the Ministry of the Environment Re: Cainsville Sewage Lagoons;
- v. Memo from D. Stevenson to D. Collings Re: Contingency Plan in the Event of a Major Fire or Watermain Break During the Upgrades to the Cainsville Elevated Tank

.Carried

With respect to correspondence forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment (item (iv.) above), the Director reported that a meeting is being scheduled to take place late September between the Ministry of the Environment and Public Works staff, to discuss the Cainsville Sewage Lagoons.

Regarding item (iii) above, the Water Division Manager reported that the County's Water Division conforms to a higher standard than what is dictated by the Operations and Maintenance Manuals ("OMM") and, as such, the County has been cited as being non-compliant with the OMM. Specifically, the Water Division Manager reported that a (favorable) discrepancy in the County's white board numbers and those numbers predicated by the OMM will result in the Mount Pleasant Well Supply receiving a score of 97.5% in the 2009 Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Report.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **PW-08-76 – REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM COUNTY BY-LAW 176-99 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD ENTRANCE AT 100 CONSOLIDATED DRIVE**

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

Whereas the owner of 100 Consolidated Drive, Paris, has proposed the construction of a third entrance to facilitate industrial expansion on the subject lands;

And whereas Schedule "A" – Property Entrance Guidelines of County By-Law 176-99 (Entrance By-Law) specifies a maximum of two (2) entrances for industrial properties;

And whereas the location for the proposed entrance is suitable for the industrial expansion;

Be it hereby resolved that the owner of 100 Consolidated Drive be authorized to construct a third entrance for the proposed industrial expansion, provided that the entrance be subject to the County of Brant Development and Engineering Standards and all other terms of County By-Law 176-99.

.Carried

**PW-08-79 – SPEED LIMIT BY-LAW DISCREPANCY ON COUNTY HIGHWAY # 2**

Moved by – Councillor Simons  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

Whereas staff has identified a discrepancy between the County of Brant and the County of Oxford Speed Limit By-Laws on the boundary road known as County Highway #2;

And Whereas 50 km/hr speed limit signs are posted on County Highway #2 for both eastbound and westbound directions located within the County of Brant's 70 km/hr by-law zone;

Be it hereby resolved that Speed Limit By-Law #182-05, Schedule J, be amended by reducing the speed limit on County Highway #2 from 70 km/hr to 50 km/hr, from 800 metres west of Middle Townline Road to 85 metres east of Middle Townline Road;

And that no field modifications are required.

.Carried

**PW-08-77 – PILOT PROJECT FOR HOUSEHOLD ORGANIC MATERIALS AND RECYCLING**

The Director explained that given the activities recommended by Trow and Associates (coordination of pilot collection areas, delivery of equipment and communication materials, gathering information on level of participation and waste set out, door to door surveys, telephone surveys, evaluation of data, etc.), it is appropriate to have a working group composed of Public Works staff and Public Works Committee members to review the recommendations submitted by Trow and Associates.

Mayor Eddy suggested that the members of the Landfill Liaison Group be included as members of the proposed focus group being recommended by Trow and Associates.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

Whereas Trow and Associates have submitted details of a pilot study to maximize the diversion of household organics materials and recycling;

And whereas there are sufficient funds available for the study;

Be it therefore resolved that the County proceed with the establishment of a working group comprised of 2 staff members and 3 Public Works Committee members to address the details of the pilot study proposal.

.Carried

Councillor Coleman and Councillor Simons volunteered to join the working group. Councillor Coleman advised that he would review the inception of a working group with Councillor Chambers.

**PW-08-80 – ROAD CLOSURE – REST ACRES ROAD AT KING EDWARD STREET – PAVING OF KING EDWARD STREET**

Discussion was held with respect to the number of stop signs along Hanlon Place.

Moved by – Councillor Atfield  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

Whereas to complete the reconstruction of a portion of King Edward Street following the installation of sanitary sewer, a portion of Rest Acres Road will need to be closed to traffic;

Whereas the traffic will be detoured along Hanlon Place to King Edward Street;

And whereas By-Law 157-08 will require to be repealed due to timelines specified now being insufficient to complete the restoration of King Edward Street;

Be it hereby resolved that By-Law 157-08 be repealed and that a By-Law be passed to close Rest Acres Road from Hanlon Place to King Edward Street for approximately 5 days during the period of September 29 to October 3, 2008.

.Carried

**PW-08-78 – WD 02-08 MT. PLEASANT WATER FACILITY UPGRADES - AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by – Councillor Atfield  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

Whereas the County has received a Recommendation for Award from RV Anderson Associates Limited as per their letter of September 5, 2008, with regard to “WD 2-08 Mt. Pleasant Water Facility Upgrades”;

And whereas there are sufficient funds in the approved 2008 budget to complete the project this year;

Be it hereby resolved that in reliance upon the recommendations of RV Anderson Associates Limited, dated September 5, 2008, that tender WD 2-08 “Mt. Pleasant Water Facility Upgrades” be awarded to Stone Town Construction Limited for the bid price of \$1,422,503.30 (excluding GST).

.Carried

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### JCJ Contracting Re: Request for Monetary Assistance from the County for Fuel Costs

The Director reported that the correspondence received from JCJ Contracting has been referred to the Environmental Services Manager for review and report to Committee.

### OCWA Re: 2009 County Wastewater Budget

The Director advised that the OCWA correspondence is being provided to Committee for advance notification and that staff will be using the document when preparing the 2009 County Wastewater Budget, for Council's consideration.

## **MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

### River Road Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Director reported that correspondence from Mr. S. Talos has been received by Public Works staff and UEM wherein Mr. Talos requested that Public Works staff and / or UEM forward his request for a Part II Order on to the Ministry of the Environment. The Director reported that as part of the Class Environmental Assessment Process, when a Request for a Part II Order is submitted, the proponent is responsible for forwarding the request to the Ministry of the Environment and to the subject municipality and that Mr. Talos was advised of this procedure.

She further reported that at present, the Ministry of the Environment has not yet confirmed receipt of said correspondence.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That a copy of the Request for a Part II Order, as submitted by Mr. S. Talos and received by the County of Brant, be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, for their information.

.Carried

With respect to correspondence received from UEM, the Director reported that the County can continue to plan for the future of River Road, but that no action may be implemented until a decision is received from the Ministry of the Environment regarding the previously submitted request for a Part II Order by Pastor Phillip Sault.

The Director noted that the correspondence from UEM suggests that until a decision has been received from the Ministry, it would be premature for the County to consider the proposal submitted by Mr. Ferras. Committee directed that the proposal received from Mr. Ferras be referred to the Development Services staff for comment, as it relates to specific planning principles.

Mayor Eddy expressed concern that the recommendation submitted by Committee and adopted by Council to include improvements to Fawcett Road for consideration at 2009 budget deliberations was not descriptive enough and did not include enough information to specifically identify the possible upgrades. Mayor Eddy noted that he would prefer to say that the Public

Works Committee will recommend improvements to Fawcett Road to be considered in the 2009 budget deliberations.

In response to questions, the Roads Operations Manager noted that if upgrades are to be implemented on Fawcett Road, that additional lands will be required to improve the roadways (ditches, widening, etc.). The Director reviewed an aerial photograph of the area and provided a brief history of property ownership. Committee directed that Public Works staff review Fawcett Road potential improvements and the proposal received from Mr. Ferras in terms of what solution would work best and in the most cost-efficient manner.

#### Brant Mill Bridge Rehabilitation

Committee reviewed the history of the Brant Mill Bridge rehabilitation works and the Director expressed her disappointment with recent developments. She noted that the Brant Mill Bridge experiences low traffic volume, that the flour delivery to Brant Mill has concluded for the year and that the recent delays should not cause any major inconvenience to the traveling public.

The Roads Operations Manager reported that due to the timing of submission of information to Transport Canada, by Stantec, the rehabilitation project has been delayed. He noted that the earliest the County could anticipate an approval from Transport Canada is the end of October, followed by a mandatory 30 day advertisement period.

The Roads Operations Manager reviewed correspondence to Stantec from the Ministry of Natural Resources noting that they administer the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* on behalf of the Crown, and that this project will require a permit. He further noted that the earliest the County could anticipate an approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources is mid November.

Given the timing, the Roads Operations Manager explained that the earliest date on which works could commence would be December 1, 2008. He noted that the road is currently open and functional and to remove that functionality in the middle of the winter season would cause serious logistical issues. The Roads Operations Manager indicated that given the circumstances, no construction can feasibly start until July of 2009 at the earliest.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Eddy discussed the history of erosion issues in the vicinity of Penmans Pass Bridge and the need for a meeting with representatives of the Grand River Conservation Authority.

In response to questions dealing with erosion prevention, the Roads Operations Manager noted that in his opinion, armor stone would likely be the most appropriate material to employ.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Public Works staff co-ordinate an on-site meeting between Mayor Eddy, Councillors Coleman and Chambers and representatives of the Grand River Conservation Authority, to discuss solutions to the erosion matter on the Nith River, in the vicinity of the Penmans Pass Bridge.

.Carried

### Garbage Collection

Councillor Atfield requested that as part of the 2009 budget deliberations, single side waste collection be revisited. He suggested that the funds saved through the implementation of single side waste collection could be applied to road improvements, thereby providing a greater incentive for ratepayers to participate in the program. The Director noted that Public Works staff is preparing a report (presently in draft format) with respect to waste management, cost savings, revenue generation, etc. and that the report will likely be submitted to the October Public Works Committee meeting.

### Mile Hill Road

Councillor Simons requested that the potential for making Mile Hill Road a one-way street. In response, the Director reported that the request could be referred to staff for investigation and report.

### Brantford to Cambridge Transportation Corridor Study

Discussion was held with respect to recent developments regarding the Brantford to Cambridge Transportation Corridor Study. The Director reported that on September 3, 2008, she received a draft copy of the Brantford to Cambridge Transportation Corridor Study and noted that the study area has been expanded, as County Council had previously requested. The Director reviewed the expanded study area and in response to questions, she advised that the Class Environmental Assessment process for the proposed new highway has been tabled and is being replaced with a full environmental assessment. With respect to the Transportation Master Plan, the Director advised that depending upon decisions received from the Ministry of Transportation, the County's Transportation Master Plan may need to be reviewed and / or amended. She further advised that as Council has not yet adopted the Transportation Master Plan, it presently has no standing and that the target is to bring the Transportation Master Plan forth for Council consideration in November.

## **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

### 1. Burford Revitalization Committee

In response to questions, the Director reported that the concerns raised by the Burford Revitalization Committee have been referred to Public Works staff and that correspondence to the Burford Revitalization Committee has been sent.

### 2. Administrative Matter – Water Services

The Water Division Manager reported that historically, the County has grouped the water supply systems into five areas for reporting (Airport, Cainsville, Mt. Pleasant, Paris and St. George). To date, the small distribution system on King George Road, north of Powerline Road, has been grouped with Cainsville. The Ministry of the Environment has directed the County to commence reporting on this system separately; therefore, the County will now be considered to have 6 municipal residential drinking-water systems.

With respect to discussion that took place at the August 12, 2008 Public Works Committee meeting, Mayor Eddy noted that the number of people and industries that a water system serves should be the reason for treating it as a large system, not the proximity to the City of

Brantford and the expectations of the residents that they are in an urban rather than rural area. In response, the Water Division Manager advised that Cainsville is currently classified as a "Small Municipal Residential System" and that although the classification will be retained, application is being made to the Ministry of the Environment such that the system will be treated as a large system, as the requirements for responding to and reporting matters related to indicators of adverse water quality for a small system are much more arduous than for a large system.

3. Request from the Burford Lions Club

Committee reviewed correspondence received from the Burford Lions Club, dated September 3, 2008 and were advised of a subsequent on-site meeting that took place on September 8, 2008 between Public Works staff, Community Services staff and representatives of the Burford Lions Club. Discussion at the Committee meeting focused on issues relating to supplying the requested material, the cost to truck stone dust (approximately \$7,000), staff time spent on studying the road allowance of Maple Avenue South (to determine if the trail could be accommodated there), survey costs (approximately \$8,000), County priorities and the format of requests submitted by volunteer groups.

Mayor Eddy noted that the County has the required granular "B" material and that the County owns the Lions Art Cadman Park. He further noted that raw soil cannot be left exposed and that it is imperative that the granular "B" material be provided to the Lions Club as soon as possible. With respect to the cost of the stone dust haulage, Mayor Eddy suggested that a cost for same be submitted by the Roads Department and that a grant be created, payable to the Roads Department, to cover the cost.

In response to questions from the Director, the Roads Operations Manager reported that when the stone dust is trucked to the site, the Lions Club is responsible for placing and compacting same. He further reported that the Lions Club is currently in the process of obtaining a cost estimate for the placement and compaction of the stone dust.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

Subsequent to the on site meeting of September 8, 2008, between County of Brant Public Works staff, County of Brant Community Services staff and representatives of the Burford Lions Club, whereat it was agreed that:

- a) the County of Brant would provide, free of charge, the granular B material required for the construction of the base for trail works being conducted within Lions Art Cadman Park; and
- b) the Burford Lions Club would pay for the cost of the transportation and placement of said granular B material;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant will supply the granular B material required for the construction of the base for trail works being conducted within Lions Art Cadman Park.

.Carried

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

Whereas the Burford Lions Club has requested that the County of Brant truck the stone dust, as donated by the Brant Waterways Foundation, from LaFarge Quarries, to the Lions Art Cadman Park;

Be it hereby resolved that the request of the Burford Lions Club that the County of Brant Public Works Department truck the stone dust from LaFarge Quarries to the Lions Art Cadman Park be approved.

.Carried

b. Tender for Salt

Committee reviewed the tender results for Supply and Delivery of Road Salt for the City of Brantford and the County of Brant. The Roads Operations Manager reported that there has been an 8.5% increase in cost compared to 2008 pricing. He further reported that the 14,500 tonnes of salt is not necessarily what the Roads Department is anticipating using, but that it's the amount tendered to ensure that it is available if need be. The Director noted that historically, the City of Brantford has asked for a confirming motion from Council to approve and award the Tender.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the joint County of Brant / City of Brantford tender RFT 08-161, Supply and Delivery of Road Salt for the 2008-2009 Winter Season for the County of Brant be awarded to Sifto Canada Inc., 6700 Century Avenue, Suite 202, Mississauga, ON L5N 6A4 for the price of \$68.26 per tonne plus GST, this being the only tender received.

.Carried

c. Request from Burford Agricultural Society Re: Sign Advertising Fair at Corner of Park and King

Committee reviewed the request from the Burford Agricultural Society to place a sign at the southwest corner of the intersection at Park Ave and King Street, advertising the Burford Fall Fair.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the request received from the Burford Agricultural Society, to place a sign at the southwest corner of the intersection at Park Ave and King Street from on or about October 1, 2008 to on or about October 14, 2008, advertising the Burford Fall Fair, be approved.

.Carried

d. Former Paris Star Building

The Roads Operations Manager reported that the former Paris Star Building is being redeveloped by East River Holdings. He noted that permits have been submitted and approved to commence building face restoration works, starting September 9, 2008 and continuing for the duration of September. He further noted that for safety reasons, there will be a covered pedestrian walkway erected on site.

e. Surface Treatment Update

The Roads Operations Manager reported that this year, surface treatment works will utilize a high-float emulsion. With respect to the differences between the new high-float emulsion and the emulsion previously utilized by the County, the Roads Operations Manager reported that the high-float emulsion is the industry standard, it better suits the locally available aggregate, that the distribution rate is lower and that it requires more stone.

Given that the distribution rate of the high-float emulsion is lower, the Roads Operations Manager advised that additional kilometers of roadway could be surface treated, while continuing to remain within the million litre commitment to the contractor. He further advised that the County has received confirmation from the contractor and the supplier that they will not be requesting a price adjustment based on the asphalt cement index.

In response to questions, the Roads Operations Manager suggested that the County continue on with the established list of roadways identified for surface treatment, recognizing that monies will need to be reallocated from another source to compensate for the additional stone required.

f. Manager of Infrastructure Services

The Director reported that the Manager of Infrastructure Services is returning to the office full time on September 22, 2008.

g. Southwest Paris Secondary Plan

The Director reported that under the Southwest Paris Secondary Plan, which is a guideline, it is proposed that a centre median be included through Rest Acres Road, with the exception of major intersections.

Discussion focused on the advantages and disadvantages of concrete medians and the Director noted that it is possible to utilize a median system that is aesthetically pleasing, but practical and functional at the same time and advised that the issue is presently being peer reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING**

The Committee adjourned at 12:35 p.m. on a motion of Councillor Coleman to meet again on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building, Burford.

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Secretary